**RULES FOR ENTRANTS OF SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS**

# ELIGIBILITY

* 1. Registered technologist and student technologists who are paid members of the SDSRT for the current conference year are eligible for the Scientific Exhibit Awards Competition during the annual state meeting.
  2. Exhibitor must be registered at the annual state meeting.
  3. Deadline for digital exhibit submissions is April 1st. Late submissions will be disqualified.

# SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

* 1. All exhibits must be researched and prepared by the student or technologist and not have been prepared by a professional exhibit company. All submissions must be original, in so far as, they have never been entered into any competition or read at a State or National meeting prior to the annual conference. ***Plagiarism will be grounds for disqualification.***
  2. The exhibits must be related to procedures done in applicant’s department or related to new procedures or interest to the general membership.
  3. Submissions are **not** to contain any identifiable information such as pictures, references to doctors, images, x-­‐ray companies, or hospitals that can in any way present a clue as to the origin of the author or the author’s department or training program.
  4. All exhibits must be in digital format and sized to 48 X 36 (PowerPoint standard 4:3 ratio with a landscape orientation). An example PowerPoint template can be found at [https://www.makesigns.com/SciPosters\_Templates.aspx](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotect2.fireeye.com%2Fv1%2Furl%3Fk%3Dbd5f6834-e1439517-bd5e576e-0cc47aa8d8b0-c0066354b84f640b%26q%3D1%26e%3D03bf1663-c819-4337-8d7f-6a4b69c597bf%26u%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fwww.makesigns.com%252FSciPosters_Templates.aspx&data=02%7C01%7CPaula.Freeman%40mitchelltech.edu%7C3f0d6bf7bfad416c083708d77764aeb6%7C8fafc888abb74e7f985670de951ddd8b%7C0%7C0%7C637109146616547365&sdata=h7vU8M5nZJKrLmFeqtfEJ8y4lZEVfaYINvDH25J4LYs%3D&reserved=0).
  5. All information or images that are displayed on the digital exhibit must be cited using AMA format and must be included on the exhibit itself.

1. **FORMAT AND CONTENT GUIDE**
   1. Aesthetic Presentation
      1. Colors and fonts are consistent and coordinated. Use a clear, easy-to-read font style.
      2. Suggested font size of 18 or 24 point, so the display can be read from a short distance.
   2. Organization of Ideas
      1. Information is logically organized and easy to follow. Creative organization and well- grouped information
      2. The purpose of the exhibit is to present your subject matter in a readable viewer-friendly format.
      3. People of varying degrees of experience may be viewing your presentation, so remember to make your points as complete and brief as possible.
      4. Successful exhibits achieve both coverage and clarity.
   3. Content
      1. Information is accurate.
      2. Material should be presented in a logical sequence.
      3. Materials should convey clearly as statement of the problem, project objectives, methodology, significant outcomes, and conclusions.
      4. Minimize the narrative. Numbered or bulleted lists can be a concise, effective way to convey a series of points.
   4. Visuals
      1. An exhibit display is a visual presentation and should include sufficient images.
      2. Visuals should be relevant and enhance your display. They should also include informative captions.

# SELECTION OF JUDGES

* 1. Judging of the scientific exhibits will be performed by a three member committee appointed by the scientific awards chairperson.
  2. The evaluation committee will have no prior knowledge of the author or place of employment or training.
  3. The judges must not be affiliated with any training program within the state.
  4. The judges’ decisions will be final.
  5. The scores from all three judges will be tallied and the first 3 places will be determined.

# ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE PRIZES

* 1. Awards will be determined by the Board of Directors on a yearly basis.
  2. If there is a tie, the tie will be broken by the following:
     1. Tie breakers will be determined by who received the highest total score for Organization of Ideas.
     2. If that still leads to a tie, whoever received the highest total score for Clarity will break the tie.